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## Form for Evaluating Internet Information Resources

(NOTE: This form is not for evaluating productivity software/sites, simulation games/sites, or educational software/games/sites)

1. **URL of Web page being evaluated:**

[http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/a\\_history\\_of\\_ancient\\_rome.htm](http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/a_history_of_ancient_rome.htm)

2. **Primary use (students, teacher, parent, other,...):** Students

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*Questions 3-9 are about the site that is hosting your page.*

3. **Truncate the URL of the Web page. What is the domain name of the Web site?** Co.uk

4. **What is the name of Web site?** historylearningwsite

5. **What is the purpose or goal of this Web site?** Teaching about major periods of history

6. **What organization or individual created this site?** Chris Trueman

7. **Do they have affiliations that might create a built-in bias toward the information? (Note: every site does, you just have to be aware of what that bias is and be prepared to defend it or present information from other viewpoints.)** Only possible bias is an English perspective since the author is English. The site states that they "have made every effort to be as unbiased and objective as possible in presenting the facts and interpreting events. If you feel that a particular area needs attention do not hesitate to send in any information or opinion that you may have. We will consider it for inclusion on the site." They are very open to ideas.

8. **What other types of organizations link to this site? (Using the Google search engine, type *link:* and the Web site address (example: *link:www.website.com* ) )**  
<http://www.historystuff.co.uk/index.html>

9. **Is there a way to provide feedback on the Web site and create an exchange with the author or Web site manager?** You can email him if you think any info is not factual.

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*Questions 10-12 are about the specific page that has information for your project/unit:*

10. **Who is the author of the page and does that person have valid credentials to present this information (the creator of the site is not always the author of a page within the site)?** Chris Trueman. He taught History and Politics at a major secondary school in England for the last 26 years. Chris graduated with a BA (Honours) in History from Aberystwyth University, Wales in 1979, went on to study at Loughborough University then gained a MA in management from Brighton University

11. **What other references are cited for the information presented?** N/A

12. **How old is the material on the page? Is it current or outdated (copyright year is not the same as the last update)?** Updated last year (2013)

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*Final evaluation questions:*

13. Are there ads linked to the page or the site that might make this page inappropriate for your audience? Are the ads “sticky” or static? If there are no ads, how is this Web site paid for (where do they get their money)? No ads. Free site
14. Is there other content on the site that appears affiliated with the information you’ve selected that might make this page inappropriate (a Web site with great tutorials on how to make good movies with sections on how to make a documentary, a biography, an infomercial, etc. might also have a tutorial on making an inappropriate movie)? Yes, the site has other articles on history.
15. Reviewing your answers above, is this a good page/site to use for your project/unit? Why or why not? (NOTE: Some questions above may not apply to your page; there is no rule as to how many “correct” answers are needed for a page to be good or what constitutes a “bad” page. You just need to be able to justify your choices and the information above can provide good support.) This site is a good reference site because it has a lot of information on the Ancient Rome that is well organized and easy to read and comprehend.